

DAVID SHOWED MERCY

1 Samuel 24
Unit 11, Session 2

WHAT WE LEARNED

David showed mercy even though Saul hated him. David showed mercy to Saul, his enemy, because David trusted God's plan. God has also shown us great mercy through His Son Jesus. He died on the cross so His enemies could experience God's mercy and live forever as part of God's family.

DISCUSSION QUESTIONS

1. David had an opportunity to kill Saul and become king.
 - Why did he not?
 - When we have opportunities to get back at others or to seek vengeance, what are ways knowing God helps us seek peace and extend mercy instead?
 - Loving your enemies is hard. How can you love your enemies? How has God modeled this for us? How does He empowers us to do that?
2. David's act of mercy on Saul is a representation of Jesus's act of mercy for us
 - Compare David's actions to how Jesus treated people during His earthly ministry and how God treats people. In what ways are they similar? In what ways is Jesus greater than David?
 - In the end, David does fail God...repeatedly. Yet Jesus does not. How is Jesus the perfect king? What ways could humans never be like Jesus? What does it mean to worship Jesus for who He is and what He has done?

MEMORY VERSE FOR THIS UNIT

"Your kingdom is an everlasting kingdom,
and your dominion endures throughout all generations"

Psalm 145:13

PRAY TOGETHER

Spend time this week praising God for the ways that He is committed to His people and the ways He has redeemed us. Pray to God to help you extend mercy and grace on those who you might have difficulty loving or to people who have hurt you. Ask him to extend the same mercy on them that our good Father extended to us through Jesus's death on the cross..

Ask each member of your family – adults included – to share one thing they would like prayer for. Have someone to pray for that person's request. Encourage your family to pray for that person for the entire week.

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